

Bipartisan Lawmakers Introduced Legislation to Protect All Children in Schools from Abuse

On Wednesday, December 9, **U.S. Reps. George Miller** (D-CA) and **Cathy McMorris Rodgers** (R-WA) held a press conference to introduce new legislation to protect all children in schools from misuse of restraint and seclusion. This legislation is the first national effort to prevent and reduce harmful restraint and seclusion in schools. A recent [U.S. Government Accountability Office investigation](#) found hundreds of allegations that school children have been abused, and some even died, as a result of the inappropriate use of restraint and seclusion in classrooms; a disproportionate number of them were children with disabilities.

bill:<http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/legislation/HR4247Seclusion_Restraint.pdf>

Fact sheet on the legislation:<<http://edlabor.house.gov/blog/2009/12/preventing-harmful-restraint-a.shtml>>